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October 17, 1997

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Davis Kee, Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Air and Radiation Branch
Region V
77 West Jackson Blvd, A-18J
Chicago, Illinois 60604

RE: Granite City PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area: Comments
on Proposed Rule (IL 145-1, IL 152-1; FRL-5861-4)

Dear Mr. Kee:

Granite City Division, National Steel Corporation ("GCD") has held discussions with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") regarding the July 22, 1997 Federal Register notice concerning the state's PM₁₀ regulations. GCD supports the action taken by the IEPA to address the sole issue raised by the U.S. EPA regarding the Granite City, Illinois area.

Based upon this response, GCD urges the U.S. EPA to take prompt action to accept the state PM₁₀ regulations and redesignate the Granite City, Illinois area as attainment for PM₁₀.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Larry Siebenberger

Larry Siebenberger
Manager - Environmental Technology